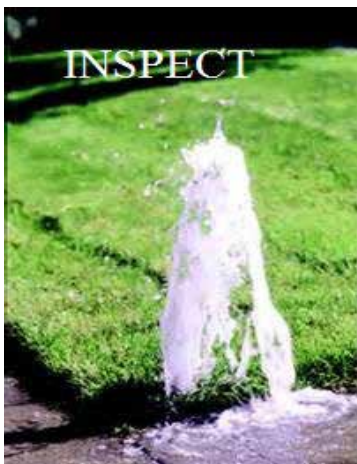


Inspect, Direct, Connect Your Way to Efficient Irrigation

The Inspect, Direct, Connect flags are used to indicate problems with an irrigation system. They should only be used on your property or by a landscape professional. Some adjustments are easily made. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/cobbwater-outdoorefficiency> for information. Some may require a more extensive repair by an irrigation professional. Visit <https://www3.epa.gov/watersense/findapro/> to find a professional who has completed a WaterSense certified training program.



Inspect your irrigation system by observing each zone as it runs. Check for missing, blocked, or misdirected heads. Watch for water misting off the heads, this indicates an irrigation system's pressure regulator is malfunctioning. Walk the property looking for excessively wet or green areas. This may mean a pipe connection underground in your irrigation system is leaking. Use the Inspect, Direct, Connect flags to mark any problems that need to be fixed. The flags allow you or your irrigation professional to easily locate trouble spots for repair. These problems can waste water, damage plants, and increase water bills. Some can be repaired simply while others may be more complex. Checking your system monthly or after mowing is a good way to flag problems and make repairs before water bills are affected.





Direct sprinkler heads to plant materials and away from hard surfaces. This is a simple way to maximize the benefit of landscape watering and protect water quality by decreasing water runoff. **Connect** hoses or pipes in your irrigation system tightly. Loose connections can lose thousands of gallons of water. The only evidence of a leaking pipe connection may be greener grass or standing water in one area of the yard. **Select** a WaterSense labeled irrigation controller. These smart controllers adjust irrigation based upon plant water need, site characteristics, and historical or real time weather data. Once the controller is programmed, it can be adjusted up or down simply based upon the condition of the landscape.



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